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In the Office communication mailed October 4, 2000, the Examiner required a restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

I. Claims 1, 5-7, 9-11, drawn to a calcium sulfate bone graft composition, classified
5 in class 424, subclass 696; or

II. Claims 2-4, 8, 12, drawn to a calcium sulfate bone graft composition, classified
in class 514, subclass 2.

In response thereto, the assignee hereby elects without traverse to prosecute the claims of Group II, namely claims 2-4, 8 and 12, and reserves the right to file one or more 10 divisional applications or take such other appropriate measures as deemed necessary to protect the non-elected invention. Accordingly, to speed prosecution of this case, claims 1, 5-7 and 9-11 have now been canceled, and claims 2, 8 and 12 have now been rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of their former base claim and any intervening claims.

It is respectfully submitted that the present application and all of its remaining claims are now in condition for an early allowance. All the prior art of record has been reviewed and considered but are not felt to come within the coverage of the claims now in this case or to disclose or suggest the invention as specifically defined by the claims
5 now in this case. If the Examiner is of the opinion that a telephone conference relative to this case would advance the prosecution, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number.

The Examiner is requested to reconsider and further examine this application, and issue an early formal favorable action.

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